THE

CASE

OF

Mr. JAMES FYSH, Merchant,

In LYNN REGIS.

ABOUT the 20th Day of *November* laſt he landed there a Quantity of Wines from *Oporto*, as did ſeveral other Merchants out of the ſame Ship: He, among the reſt, had a ſmall Preſent on Board, two Boxes of Plumbs, weighing about Ten Pounds, and a Baſket of Onions: All the Preſents were carried to the Cuſtom-Houſe; In a few Days every other Merchant except Mr. *Fyſh*, had his reſpective Preſent.

About three Weeks after this partial Diſtribution, Mr. *Fyſh* was told by a Land-Waiter, if he ſent to the Cuſtom-Houſe, that his Preſent would likewiſe be delivered; accordingly he ſent his

his Cooper immediately, who inſtead of receiving his Maſter's Preſent, was ſent by an Officer there, to the Land-Waiter; the Land-Waiter bid him go to the Tide-Surveyor; the Tide-Surveyor ſent him back to the Land-Waiter, who referred him to the Cuſtom-Houſe, where he could not obtain a ſatisfactory Anſwer.

Upon this unexpected Behavour, Mr. *Fyſh* went himſelf to the Tide-Surveyor, who ſaid, he ſuppoſed that Orders had been given for the Delivery of his Preſent, becauſe thoſe of other Merchants were delivered ſome Time before, and if his in particular was refuſed, he could not ſay any further about it.

Mr. *Fyſh* ſuſpended any other Application three Days: He then met the Land-Waiter, who ſaid, that ſuch Order (for delivering his Preſent) had been given; but ſeemed very diffident and reſerved.

Mr. *Fyſh* ſent his Cooper to the Cuſtom-Houſe three or four times that very Day, with ſeveral Meſſuages, and a poſitive Order to pay the Duty. The Officers there, inſtead of receiving the Duty, only gave a protracting, evaſive Anſwer.*

Mr. *Fyſh* then condeſcended to write a Letter to the Deputy Collector, containing the Subſtance of his repeated Meſſages, and a Reproach for his partial Behavour: The Deputy Collector did not vouchſafe to give Mr. *Fyſh* any Anſwer

Piqued by ſo many fruitleſs Applications at *Lynn*, Mr. *Fyſh* related the preceeding Circumſtances in two Letters, dated the 5th and 21ſt of *January*, to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in *London*, deſiring they would be pleaſed to favour him with the Redreſs he had ſo long ſought for in vain; but to his great Surprize has not yet received any Satisfaction. Mean while, ſome of the Officers have made free with the Onions, damaged as they were by a long Voyage, and longer Detention at the Cuſtom-Houſe.

This unprecedented Treatment of a Merchant, who always honourably paid his Majeſty's full Cuſtoms, determined Mr. *Fyſh* to repreſent it to the moſt ſuperior Board, the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, entirely confiding in their diſtinguiſhed Honour and Impartiality, not only for ample Satiſ-

* N. B. *The Duty of theſe Plumbs and Onions does not exceed Eighteen-Pence.*

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faction in this very ſingular Inſtance, but likewiſe for an effectual Aſſurance, that he may be treated like other Merchants on all future Occaſions.

Borough of *KING'S LYNN*, Norfolk.

EDGLY SMITH, the Cooper within-named, maketh Oath that his ſeveral Applications at the Cuſtom-Houſe afore-mentioned, were made in the uſual Cuſtom-Houſe Hours.

EDGLY SMITH.

Sworn this Eighteenth Day of March, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty Seven, before,

WILLIAM MIXSON.

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